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THE BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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S I R:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

A clean version of all pending claims is provided herewith in **Attachment A**. It will be noted that the claims have been amended relative to the previously provided version as shown by the marked up version thereof in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims have been rewritten to reduce the multiple dependencies.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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